GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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POLICY ON GEM STONE MINING
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any policy regarding gem stone mining;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether illegal mining of gem stone has been reported in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to stop the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): From time to time instances of illegal mining of various minerals are brought to the notice of Central Government. The responsibility for taking action for checking illegal mining rest with the State Government concerned. The State Governmentsare empowered to take action under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act) for preventing illegal mining. Recently the MMDR Act has been amended and the State Governments have been empowered under Section 23 C of the MMDR Act to frame rules for preventing illegal mining.